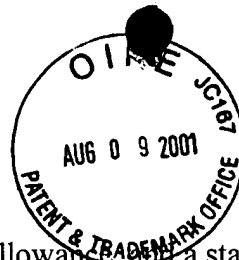


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CONCLUSION

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a statement to this effect is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivor R. Elrifi".

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